

Application No. 10/553,793
Reply to Final Office Action of April 16, 2009

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been amended by replacing “filmable monomers” with --monomers . . .
which form a filmable shell--, as supported in the specification at page 3, line 29.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. With entry
thereof, Claims 1-18 and 20-32 will remain pending in the application.

REMARKS

The rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by US 5,273,824 (Hoshino et al), US 2002/0072560 (Bardman et al) or US 5,229,209 (Gharapetian et al), is respectfully traversed, for reasons to be advanced in a to-be-filed Appeal Brief.

The rejection of Claims 1-10, 17, 18, 20, 22-24 and 26-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is respectfully traversed. It should be clear from the context in which the term “filmable monomers” was used that the intended meaning was -- monomers which form a filmable shell--. Thus, the rejection would now appear to be moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered in order to reduce the issues on appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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